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ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION

Hello Supporter:

I am very pleased to report that Sir Elton John, Founder and Chairman of the Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF), and his partner, EJAF Board member David Furnish, made a special trip to South Africa to visit several community-based projects funded by our sister Foundation in the UK and to present a series of concerts in Cape Town, Durban, and Johannesburg to draw attention to these projects and the continuing HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region.

Sir Elton and Mr. Furnish made a return visit to **Baphumelele Children's Home**, a model community project that provides a stable, loving, and permanent home for children who have been orphaned, abandoned, abused or neglected, and a safe refuge for children in crisis 24 hours a day. Many are HIV-positive or have been orphaned because of HIV/AIDS. The children live in seven separate buildings and are cared for by men and women from the community who love them as their very own; they are also provided with medical care at the Khayelitsha Health Clinic or the Red Cross Children's Hospital in Cape Town.

During this visit, Sir Elton and Mr. Furnish were pleased to help Baphumelele founder Rosalia Mashale preside over the opening of three new cluster homes, each housing eight children. Sir Elton noted, "Rosalia is a totally inspirational person. I cannot believe the transformation that has been achieved since my last visit in 2005. I am delighted that support from my Foundation has been able to effect such amazing change. It's wonderful to see happy and well-cared-for children."



Sincerely,
Scott Campbell
Executive Director
Elton John AIDS Foundation